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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
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National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

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Whereas, Colorectal cancer, commonly known as colon cancer, is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, passing both breast and prostate cancer in mortality and second only to lung cancer in the number of cancer deaths;

Whereas, One of the missions of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is to increase support of innovative colorectal cancer prevention and early detection research;

Whereas, Even though colorectal cancer is highly preventable, an estimated 148,610 new cases will be diagnosed in 2006 and 55,170 people will die from the disease;

Whereas, Screening tests are the most effective way to prevent colorectal cancer;

Whereas, By catching colorectal cancer in its earliest, most curable stages, screening tests can save lives even when they detect polyps that have become cancerous;

Whereas, When colorectal cancer is discovered early, it can be cured in most cases;

Whereas, The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age; 9 out of 10 people diagnosed are older



than 50 years of age;

Whereas, Other major risk factors associated with colorectal cancer are a personal history of intestinal polyps, a personal history of bowel diseases, a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, smoking or use of other tobacco products, obesity and lack of exercise, and a diet of foods high in fat;

Whereas, Because of disproportionate screening, African-Americans and Hispanics are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced stage colorectal cancer; and

Whereas, Through understanding and preventive testing methods, deaths from colorectal cancer can be greatly reduced or even eliminated in the very near future: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes March
- 2 as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and urges all
- 3 Hoosiers, especially those over 50 years of age, to have regular
- 4 screening tests for colorectal cancer so that the grief caused by the
- 5 deaths of our beloved colleagues James Bottorff and Charles "Bud"
- 6 Meeks will never happen to Hoosier families again.
- 7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 8 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Cancer
- 9 Research and Prevention Foundation.

